

**James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, June 22, 1810.  
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**TO THOMAS JEFFERSON. MAD. MSS.**

Washington June 22, 1810.

Dear Sir, I enclose an authentication of the blood of our Merinos, as translated from the Original by Mr. Graham: also a state of the charges incident to their passage, &c. The half falling to your share, of course, may be left for any convenient occasion of being replaced. You need not trouble yourself to remit it hither.

On the first publication of the despatches by the John Adams,<sup>1</sup> so strong a feeling was produced by Armstrong's picture of the French robbery, that the attitude in which England was placed by the correspondence between P. & Wellesley was overlooked. The public attention is beginning to fix itself on the proof it affords that the original sin agst. Neutrals lies with G. B. & that whilst she acknowledges it, she persists in it.

<sup>1</sup> Communicated to Congress November 29, 1809, February 19 and May 1, 1810. *Annals of Cong., 11th Cong., 2d Session*, p. 2124.

I am preparing for a departure from this place immediately after the 4th July. Having been deprived of the Spring visit to my Farm, I wish to commence the sooner the full recess. Be assured of my highest & most affece. esteem.

Have you recd. a copy of Coopers (the Pena Judge) masterly opinion<sup>1</sup> on the question whether the sentence of a foreign Admiralty Court in a prize Cause be conclusive evidence

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in a suit here between the Underwriter & Insured? It is a most *thorough* , investigation, and irrefragable disproof of the B. Doctrine on the subject, as adopted by a decision of the Supreme Court of the U. S. If you are without a copy, I will provide & forward one.

1 Given in the case of *Dempsey, assignee of Brown, v. The Insurance Co. of Pennsylvania*. The case was argued twice, in 1807 and 1808, before the High Court of Errors and Appeals of Pennsylvania, and Judge Cooper's opinion is discussed in *Calhoun v. The Insurance Co. of Pennsylvania* (1 Binney, 293). See also *Maryland Insurance Co. v. Woods*, 6 Cranch, 29. Ch. Justice Marshall rendered the opinion.